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SENATOR GOODRICH: Who did you discuss it with?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Alan.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I kind of doubt that, but that is your prerogative, I guess. Any how what I am suggesting is that Senator Cavanaugh did make a mistake when he offered you the first million dollar amendment, he took a shotgun approach and got himself and the university system in office by offering this specific amendment, he has admitted giving you a shotgun approach and not knowing what he was doing. Now, why should we trust this amendment for example as to the validity of can these specific costs be cut? There is no justification for trusting this amendment any more than there was in trusting the first one. I would whole heartedly suggest that this is not the way to budget for a university.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. I appreciate Senator Cavanaugh's desire to be a watchdog of an institution. I would only wish him that much success if he ever gets to the Potomac guarding the nations coffers there. Particularly his own office staff in terms of how frugal he will be with that. It amazes me that here this afternoon he is all of a sudden going to discontinue certain positions that had to be recommended and had to be approved by the Board of Regents who are elected by this state just like we are. The Regents are there to accept recommendations or reject them based upon the recommendations that come to them from the Chancellor or President of the university system. I just hope that this body does not continue to make further mistakes in accepting this type of an amendment at this time. The appropriations committee sits there all session, works through the session and accepts the best evidence possible in terms of finances, suddenly here we are one more time, going to try and go home and convince the constituency that we saved them a lot of money. This isn't the fact at all. We are probably in the process in the end of diminishing the quality of the education along with a number of other things. Therefore, I hope that you reject Senator Cavanaugh's latest attempt at being the watchdog of the university budget.

PRESIDENT: Senator F. Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that the Cavanaugh amendment is necessary now. In good legitimate debate he has convinced this legislature to take a million dollars out of that budget, it is out, Senator Cavanaugh deserves full responsibility for that and full credit. You have made your wishes known, I gave you an opportunity to bring it back, that wasn't your desire. I think that you are going to further erode some problems that I don't believe that Senator Cavanaugh has thought out very carefully. I don't know the contractual relationship of the executive undergraduate dean or the executive graduate dean, but I assume that he is on a contract. I assume that